

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the previous amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-13 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are canceled and new claims 8-13 are added.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claims are amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent 6,039,364 to Rieger et al.

Applicants' new independent claim 8 recites a device for taking weight of a one leaf or two leaf door for a cabinet. At least one guiding element includes a first and second run-up slope. A fastening surface defines a fastening plane in which the device is fastened onto the cabinet. A sliding surface is perpendicular to the fastening surface for guiding a closing rod of a one leaf door.

Such features encompass Applicants' exemplary embodiment as illustrated in Figs. 1-3 wherein guiding element 20a has a run-up portion 22 and 24. A sliding surface 25 is arranged perpendicular to the fastening surface 21.

The Rieger patent discloses a switch cabinet having a centering piece 3 and a catching part 11 arranged on a door 1 or in a framework element 2. The centering piece 3 is designed as a positioning lug 4 with an upper centering bevel 5 and a lower centering bevel 6. Centering bevels 5 and 6 can slide along the edges of breakthrough section 13. The Rieger patent does not disclose a sliding surface perpendicular to a fastening surface as in Applicants' independent claim 8. Instead, Rieger discloses that the fastening surface and the surface engaged with locking

track 8 are the same surface and are parallel. Thus, Applicants' independent claim 1 is distinguishable from the Rieger patent.

Applicants' new independent claim 12 recites a device for taking weight of a one leaf or two leaf door for a cabinet. A first guiding element has first and second run-up slopes. A second guiding element has third and fourth run-up slopes. The second and fourth run-up slopes are coplanar. As shown in Fig. 1 run-up surfaces 24a and 24b lie in one plane. See Applicants' as-filed specification at col. 5, lines 12-13. The Rieger patent does not disclose two run-up slopes lying in one plane as in Applicants' new independent claim 12.

The dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite.

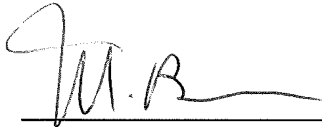
Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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